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GUIDELINES ON FISHING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate policy guidelines on fishing;

(b) if so, the time by which these guidelines are likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a),(b)&(c) : Fisheries in inland and territorial waters is State subject. Formulation of policy guidelines on fishing in the territorial water under jurisdiction of all States except Gujarat has been accomplished with the promulgation of Marine Fishing RegulationActs (MFRAs).Policy guidelines on fishing in the form of Maritime Zones of India (MZI) Act, 1981 already exists for regulating fishing in Indian EEZ by foreign flag vessels.As regards fishing by joint venture and Indian owned vessels, the Government has accepted policy recommendations made by the Review Committee on Deep Sea Fishing Policy in 1996.Subsequently, an Expert Group has gone into formulation of a draft Comprehensive Marine Fishing Policy, the report of which is before the Government.